

**DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN AGUS LIOS MHÓR
DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING**

**HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021,
at 2.30pm with members on MS Teams.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Tom Cronin (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Conor McGuinness

Roll call carried out by Meetings Administrator.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. Paul Johnston, Senior Resident Engineer, Housing
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. Raymond Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. Brid Kirby, A/Administrative Officer, LEO
Mr. Hugh O'Brien, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Morris Conway, Executive Architect
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of the late:

- Eileen Power, Grange
- Teresa Lenane, Grange
- Ber Harty, Ardmore
- Seán Sheehan, Dungarvan
- John Young, Dungarvan
- Mary Wyley, Dungarvan
- Sr. Philomena Kelly
- Jake Hyslop, Dungarvan
- Thomas Welsh
- John Kearns, Cappoquin
- Tom Barry, Lismore
- Angela McCarthy, Tallow
- Pat Phelan, Cappoquin / New York
- Noel Barry, Lismore
- Geraldine Foley, Ring

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to

- Abbeyside Ballinacourty on winning the senior football title

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 12th July 2021 proposed by Cllr. O'Donnell seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 23rd August 2021 proposed by Cllr. Phelan, seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Pratt noted amendment to meeting on the 23rd August 2021 to reflect his attendance.

Cllr. McGuinness requested follow up to issue of storm drains in Leachan Beag. Noted and welcomed Chief Executive report in relation to the Duckspool project as discussed at the Special Meeting.

Cllr. O'Donnell raised concern in relation to the barrier at Murphy's Place Abbeyside and need to have it removed.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that as previously advised the barrier at Murphy's Place was put in place as part of the Smarter Travel works. Suggested that this can be reviewed under new Active Travel Scheme that will be looking at sustainable transport in Dungarvan.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Roads

Cllr. Pratt commended roads staff regarding proposed work at Houlihan's in Lismore and decision to defer until next year. Requested updates on commencement of works in Tallow at West Street and at the school in Villierstown.

Cllr. McGuinness raised issue of dredging at Helvick, updating that Minister not going to amend the regulations for the funding schemes of harbours. Issue is continuing to get worse and something needs to change as local authority does not have the funding to carry out required works. Motion passed by council requesting Minister to update current regulations to allow local authorities to apply for the preliminary works. Noted works due to commence at Wyse Pier in Ballinacourty and noted that dredging will be required at this location for the harbour to become fully usable. Commended works to footpaths in An Rinn providing wide access and welcomed decision of postponing roadworks on N72 into the summer.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if can have a stop-go system with road works during busy times rather than road closures, complimented commencement of works in Knockanore.

Cllr. Phelan outlined that bicycle stand at Clonea Strand is rusty and needs replacing, enquired if double yellow lines will be replaced at new footpaths on O'Connell Street, plastic bollards missing at lower end of Western Terrace. Enquired if similar bollards can be placed on the Causeway on either side of pedestrian walkway. Requested update on loading bay on O'Connell Street, raised issue of camper vans parking in curtilage of sports centre by Quanns. Enquired if a programme of gully cleaning is planned for Dungarvan.

Cllr. Geoghegan acknowledged works regarding expansion of parking spaces for the driving test centre, thanked roads section for all the current works in Dungarvan on footpaths. Outlined concern regarding near misses on the R672 Dungarvan to Clonmel Road because of deer crossing the road, need to contact Coillte and National Parks and Recreation to see how the issue can be addressed. Agrees with need for new bicycle stands in Clonea and noted need for them in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Nugent acknowledged improved sightline works at Ballylemon, noted solution of creation of berm on the Bog Road which has addressed the problem at the location. Enquired as to the number of LIS schemes for the district and number outstanding and enquired when works on extension of Greenway from Ballyclamper to the lighthouse will be scheduled. Noted need for the resurfacing of the Gold Coast Road and agreed with Cllr. Geoghegan regarding the increase in deer population and the impact of spread of disease on bovine animals.

Cllr. Doocey supports need for cull on deer due to increased population.

Cllr. Cronin noted need for disabled seating at picnic benches and requested details in relation to the closing date for landowners regarding closing of public rights of way.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that resurfacing works on N72 carried out in phases, noted that there is no alternative to closing the road where there is no hard shoulder. It is not always suitable to do a stop-go system and keep roads open while works are carried out so need to divert traffic and plan accordingly to minimise disruption. Noted that from Cork to Burgery and onto Lemybrien all pavement work completed with improved sightlines and improved draining. Regarding dredging at Helvick the council have applied for funding annually to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for piers and harbours. To get foreshore licence and dumping at sea licence estimate need €150k to carry out relevant surveys, under current criteria funding for surveys does not qualify for grant aid, cannot carry out dredging unless comply with legislation. Successful in getting funding for piers and harbours and received €200k for Helvick Pier in 2020 and 2021 and €70k for Ballinacourty Pier. Noted that considerable works carried out on footpaths across the district and will continue under active travel funding and capital funding. Lining and bollards on O'Connell Street will be replaced and will look at additional signage for Quanns to prevent parking outside of designated area. There is a drainage programme across the district which includes cleaning of gullies in Dungarvan town. Ballylemon works commenced as part of pavement scheme, lowered the crest and vertical alignment and risen the sag and provided sightlines that comply with TII standards. There are some outstanding works in relation to sightlines which will improve sightlines for both junctions. Supports roll out of disability benches across the district as resources allow and hope to have in place prior to next summer season. Outlined that right of way legalisation requires that to keep right of way it needs to be registered with the land registry and if not, registration needs to be done by 1st December. Acknowledged that deer issue is prevalent along many roads and may result in accidents. Will review installation of additional bicycle stands in the district as part of the 2022 active travel programme. Outlined 14 LIS completed this year under round 1 & 2 funding with 5 in Dungarvan Lismore district. Noted that in the region of 35 schemes outstanding, not taking new applications and estimate €3m grant aid required to complete outstanding schemes. Gold Coast Road can be considered as part of the 2022 Roads Work Programme.

J. McGrath (SEE), Active Travel Scheme in Tallow commencing and when completed footpaths in West Street will follow. Informed members that bicycle stands are on order for Clonea and will also have for other locations as the Active Travel Scheme is rolled out. Work in Villierstown continuing.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if council needs to register its own rights of way.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that Council will need to ensure that own rights of way are registered with the Land Registry, noted that it would be useful to have the members pursue having the closing date extended due to Covid. Informed members of significant diversion on N25 on 5th / 6th October at Ticknock resulting in diversions.

K. Kehoe, DoS, confirmed that looking at bicycle parks around Dungarvan and will be identifying locations and will keep members informed.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that signs currently in place to warn traffic of deer in the area, Department of Agriculture, OPW and National Parks & Wildlife service have responsibility to address this issue and will issue letter to bodies to inform of increasing numbers.

(b) Housing

Cllr. Phelan requested update on extension of footpath in Ballinroad and if Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) workshop is to be scheduled.

Cllr. McGuinness requested update on An Leacain Beag due to ongoing issue with sewers and storm water drains, noted recent report by Simon Community stated only one property available in Waterford within the HAP limits asking if the place finder service could be made available for support for access to rental property, supports ASB workshop and need to discuss plan for Halloween as need to be proactive in the district to prevent issues arising. Requested update on Railway Gardens, noted issue of criminality in some locations about ongoing feud where people are publicly threatening people in call out videos in social media.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined that number of Housing Adaptation Grants for the district is low with only 10 stated for the district and enquired as to the reason for this. Agreed that issue of feud needs to be addressed as having severe impact on families in the area and supported need to have a workshop to address the issues.

Cathaoirleach supported need to address the issue as outlined by Cllr. McGuinness and Cllr. Geoghegan.

Cllr. Doocey outlined the success of the Spick and Span competition and need to promote the success of the project.

Cllr. Pratt commended awards for council estates and requested update on windows for the Alms Houses.

Cllr. Cronin outlined issue regarding delays in grant approval requesting it to be reviewed.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested update regarding housing at Sean Phobal.

P. Johnston, SE, noted that footpath from estate to village in Ballinroad being actively worked on and working with landowners, footpath from estate to roundabout does not form part of the remit of housing. Will look at scheduling of ASB workshop. Issue in An Leacain Beag is being investigated and will have resolution for next meeting. Will refer suggestion of expansion of HAP place finder service to relevant staff. Railway Gardens now going through legal proceedings and mixed tenure scheme most ideal mix for the location. Application and processing of grants slowed due to Covid; area has been resourced to address the issue. Alms Houses will be addressed before the winter. Requested details pertaining to payment delays to be advised separately. Noted that there is an issue with zoning at Sean Phobal and will revert with an update.

Cathaoirleach agreed that due to time constraints members are to raise questions for issues under planning, environment and economic and the executive will respond with answers directly to the members after the meeting.

(c) **Planning**

Cllr. Doocey noted that remediation is required on the River Blackwater due to erosion and requested support of the council to assist landowner with the Bord of Works in addressing the issue.

Cllr. Tobin raised issue with the Planning Regulator and need to be dealt with.

Cllr. Nugent requested reason for moving location of the planning office in Civic Offices.

Cllr. Phelan noted issue with short staffing requesting a report outlining breakdown of refusals by district. Noted that will be scheduling SPC meeting to discuss the OPR.

Environment

Cllr. McGuinness enquired if there are byelaws to regulate the use of jet-skis in Ferrypoint/Youghal area, several launched from Youghal and causing disturbance. Requested beach wheelchairs for district noting that other local authorities have put them in place and would be a great asset for other beaches in locality.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted need to refocus campaigns on negative health aspects of dog fouling.

Cllr. Phelan highlighted success of big belly bins, issue with pizza boxes and need signage to state cannot be disposed of in the bins and requested the bins are rolled out to other areas.

(d) **Economic**

Cllr. Geoghegan requested report regarding provision of skateboard park to be circulated to all councillors.

Cllr. Nugent enquired when works on the Clonea Road to Ballinacourty Spur off Waterford Greenway will be completed.

Cllr. Phelan suggested small lawn behind Civic Offices as location for bicycle park. Noted success of the Greenway over the summer, there is increased traffic and ahead of next summer suggested looking at Park and Ride or periphery carpark. Suggested bicycle repair stations located at the Greenway carparks. Outlined need to maintain a balance between outdoor dining and carpark spaces, awaits the report on trial areas and as winter sets in need to rebalance the provision of outdoor dining.

Cllr. Cronin requested property at Old Court House in Ardmore is purchased by the council noting it is a perfect building for a community hub.

Executive will refer answers onto all councillors and media as requested.

Cathaoirleach suggested that issues of Anti-Social Behaviour are noted to the new Community Safety Partnership Committee.

Cllr. Phelan suggested the new chair of the CSP is invited to attend the workshop.

4. SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – Villierstown – Completion of Process

G. Hynes, SE, outlined details of the proposal to undertake road improvement works along Main Street in Villierstown. A number of submissions which resulted in some revisions, firstly revising the location of the footpath from the grass margin onto the road, keeping the cobble lock the same as the existing paving and the lighting will be decorative and in accordance with public design for villages. Recommendation that scheme is approved subject to outlined revisions.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if council have met with people who make submissions.

Cllr. Pratt satisfied with revisions and welcomed the retention of green margins.

Cllr. McGuinness welcomed revisions because of the submissions, noted issue regarding use of cobble lock questioning if it will result in a future problem.

Cllr. Nugent noted need to acknowledge it is a heritage village and needs to be reflected in the works.

Cllr. Doocey noted that residents stated that what was on display was vague and enquired if the scheme could be postponed enabling more time to consult.

Cllr. Cronin requested if future changes could be made to the scheme once approved.

G. Hynes, SE, confirmed met with objectors and concern was green area and have revised to reflect this issue. To link to other area in village need to put in place a footpath. Open to options for paving and match to existing one, standards will ensure that won't have issues with paving failing. Informed members that if scheme is postponed works won't occur this year and cannot guarantee available funding next year.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted concerns raised by residents and compromise as outlined is worthy of support.

Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 – Cappoquin Housing Pilot, Town Centre Public Realm, development of the former Fennells's & Uniacke's Premises, development of the former Moore's Hotel – Completion of the Process

M. Conway, Executive Architect, outlined the details of the four Part 8 proposals as presented.

(i) Public Realm – recommendation to proceed with one amendment that vehicular access road to Cappoquin Rowing Club is removed from the proposal.

(ii) Proposal for housing pilot scheme at No's 6,7&8 Main Street – no submissions and recommendation to proceed as outlined.

(iii) Proposed development at former Uniacke's Shop - 1 submission received from resident of Castle Street outlining concern about additional strain on parking in the area. While not increasing capacity for the street as not possible to put more parking on the street will be proposing 14 extra spaces at the town centre. Recommend approval as proposed.

(iv) Refurbishment of former Moore's Hotel – received 2 submissions with environmental concerns. Outlined have provided all documents as part of the Part 8 process and held numerous public meetings and wide consultation. All stand-alone projects with an accumulative nature that will not put any additional strain on the infrastructure. EIA carried out as part of the screening process and heritage officer satisfied that taking place in accordance with the Act. Swift survey was conducted and confirmed that the proposed works will not affect any of the swift population. Noted that have engaged independent consultant regarding bat survey.

Cllr. Doocey welcomed the projects and noted his disappointment with assistance to the rowing club.

Cllr. Pratt stated the projects will be a game changer for Cappoquin, agrees with issue with no access to rowing club and enquired if any way to accommodate it. Enquired if works will be carried out in phases and when works are due to commence.

Cllr. Geoghegan complimented work to date on projects for Cappoquin, noting it is a positive story for Cappoquin with substantial investment in the area.

Cllr. Phelan outlined it is a positive intervention in Cappoquin that will act as a catalyst. Enquired if apartment is over 1 or 2 floors.

Cllr. Tobin welcome scheme, concerned about apartments in any town, need to ensure they will work and be occupied. Enquired if there can be further negotiations to enable solution to rowing club.

Extension of Standing Orders for 15 minutes proposed by Cllr. Phelan, seconded by Geoghegan and agreed.

M. Conway, EA, stated negotiations will continue with the rowing club to come to a resolution. Intention is that housing element will be affordable housing rather than social housing, plan to make application to RRDF with commencement early 2022. Satisfied that all necessary procedures have been followed and have complied with the regulations. Confirmed that the apartment in Moore's is over 2 floors. Thanked all the groups and community that have been involved in the project to date.

Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

**6. TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING ESTATES/ROADS in accordance with Roads Act 1993
– Clós Naomh Mochua, Clashmore, Co. Waterford – Completion of Process**

Proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. McGuinness and agreed by all.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

9. A.O. B

Cllr. Tobin raised issue regarding scam phone calls that people are receiving noting the issue needs to be highlighted.

Cllr. Doocey supports Cllr. Tobin and raised issue regarding serious cases in neighbouring counties and issues of inadequate supports for people.

Cllr. Phelan added congratulations to Cllr. McGuinness on recent marriage to Pia.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____